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SUBJ: JOE CLARK INTERVIEW QUOTE IN PRIVATE LIFE UNQUOTE

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1. NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE LEADER, JOE CLARK, WAS INTERVIEWED ON CHANNEL 9/12 JULY 7 (AT 1130 P.M. REPEAT P.M.) BY PETER DESBARATS ON HIS QUOTE IN PRIVATE LIFE UNQUOTE SERIES. MOST OF THE INTERVIEW CENTERED AROUND MR CLARK'S PERSONALITY, BACKGROUND, AND HOME LIFE, BUT AT CONCLUSION DESBARATS, AFTER BRIEFLY RAISING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, GOT INTO US/CANADA RELATIONS.

2. MR CLARK WAS ASKED BLUNTLY WHETHER HE CONSIDERED HIMSELF TO BE PRO-AMERICAN, AND RESPONDED THAT IF HE MUST BE PUT IN QUOTE A PIGEON HOLE UNQUOTE, THE ANSWER WOULD BE YES.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAS UNFORTUNATELY MUDDIED THE WATERS OVER RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT ISSUES AT A TIME WHEN HE BELIEVES THERE WILL BE REALLY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS SUCH AS RESOURCES ABOUT WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL NEED TO HAVE TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MR CLARK SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO SIT DOWN ACROSS THE TABLE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. OR ANY OTHER USG OFFICIALS TO
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VIGOROUSLY REPRESENT CANADA'S INTEREST. THE INTERVIEW

ENDED AWKWARDLY AS TIME RAN OUT JUST AS MR CLARK WAS WARMING UP ON THIS SUBJECT. ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT MR CLARK SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT TROUBLE HIM TO HAVE TO CARRY OUT THE LAW IF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT WERE RETAINED.

4. PERSONAL TIDBITS: MR CLARK RESPONDED OPENLY AND CONFIDENTLY TO THE INTERVIEWER'S PROBINGS ABOUT HIS PERSONAL LIFE. FOR EXAMPLE:
-- WHY IS MR CLARK SO TENSE? MR CLARK ADMITTED HE WAS. SAID HE HAD TRIED VARIOUS TECHNIQUES TO OVERCOME THIS ESPECIALLY ON CAMERA, AND HAD BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL HIS ARM WAVING. ANOTHER TECHNIQUE HE FOUND USEFUL TO REDUCE VISIBLE TENSION WAS THE QUOTE RICHARD BURTON TOE CURLING SYSTEM UNQUOTE. -- WHICH HE SAID HE WAS NOW PRACTICING ALTHOUGH ITS BENEFITS WERE NOT EVIDENT TO THE AUDIENCE.

-- WHY IS MR CLARK NOT A STEREOTYPED ALBERTA COWBOY? MR CLARK NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER NEW M.P'S ALSO DID NOT FIT THE STEREOTYPE FOR THEIR CONSTITUENCIES, AND ALTHOUGH HE STILL

DOES NOT RIDE HORSES, AND IS SOMEWHAT SOPHISTICATED, HE BELIEVES HE REPRESENTS HIS CONSTITUENTS QUITE WELL.

-- WORKING HABITS: MR CLARK SAID HE HAS FOUND THAT HE WORKS QUITE INTENSELY FOR EXTENDED PERIODS BUT THEN FINDS THAT HE MUST REGULARLY TAKE BREAKS TO REGENERATE.

-- INTRUSION INTO HIS PRIVATE FAMILY LIFE: HAVING WORKED AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOR ROBERT STANFIELD, HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND DOES NOT OBJECT TO PUBLIC RECOGNITION.

COMMENT: MR CLARK CAME ACROSS WITH A STRONG SENSE OF QUOTE CARTERESQUE UNQUOTE CONFIDENCE AND SINCERE PURPOSE. HE NOTED WITH ADMITTED IMMODESTY THAT HE FEELS HE HAS A SENSE OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND BELIEVES HE HAS CERTAIN GIFTS TO OFFER IN CARRYING OUT THIS SERVICE WHICH HE BELIEVES CAN BE FULLY UTILIZED WHEN HE IS PRIME MINISTER.

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SINCE THE AIR STRIKE OVER BILINGUALISM WAS NOT EVEN TOUCHED UPON, I PRESUME THIS INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED A WHILE BACK. ON THE WHOLE FOR THOSE WHO STAYED UP TILL MIDNIGHT TO WATCH THIS INTERVIEW, IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VERY REASSURING PERFORMANCE FOR THIS OBVIOUSLY CAPABLE MAN WHOSE VERY POSITIVE IMAGE MUST DELIGHT THE FOES OF TRUDEAU THROUGHOUT THE LAND.
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